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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN VENEZUELA OFFSHORE BOUNDARY DISPUTE  
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1. IT IS INTERESTING TO READ THAT VENEZUELAN'S ARE TALKING ABOUT  
AN AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIA ON THE OFFSHORE BOUNDARY.

2. OUR SOURCES IN THE COLOMBIAN FONOFF CONTINUE TO TELL US THERE  
HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT AT ANY LEVEL AND THAT THERE WILL BE NONE.  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED, THEY SAY, IS THAT THE VENEZUELAN'S HAVE PER-  
SUADED COLOMBIAN FONMIN VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA TO ABANDON FOR THE TIME  
BEING ANY THOUGHT OF PRESSING FORWARD WITH THE 1939 TREATY OF NON-  
AGGRESSION, CONCILIATION, ARBITRATION AND JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT.  
(IN OUR TELS 5348 AND 6722, WE REPORTED THAT THE COLOMBIANS HAD  
INVOKED THE TREATY, WHICH SETS FORTH PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN  
THE EVENT THE TWO NATIONS CANNOT RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES THROUGH  
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.) WHITE

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